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## Higher Education Committee

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### SSB 5104

**Brief Description:** Expanding the applied baccalaureate degree pilot program.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Tom, Rockefeller, Shin, Oemig, Berkey, Brandland, Fairley, Pflug, Delvin, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Zarelli, Prentice, Eide, Kline, Hobbs, Clements and Kilmer).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expands the applied Baccalaureate degree pilot program to two additional colleges, one of which must be a technical college.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/20/08

**Staff:** Andi Smith (786-7304).

**Background:**

In 2005, the Legislature authorized the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) to select four applied Baccalaureate degree pilot programs at community or technical colleges. Six colleges submitted proposals. Bellevue Community College, Olympic College, Peninsula College, and South Seattle Community College were selected as the sites for the pilot projects. Colleges began planning for program development in 2006. Upper division students began enrolling in the programs in the fall of 2007.

Institutions typically develop the applied Baccalaureate pathways for graduates of community and technical colleges who have earned professional/technical Associate in Applied Science degrees. The applied Baccalaureate degrees generally fall under two categories:

- Professional/technical specialization pathway: Provides upper-division coursework in the same field studied in the applied associate degree. Examples include nursing and engineering technology; and
- Management specialization pathway: Provides upper division instruction in management for

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technical workers who have either earned an applied associate degree or are engaged in a specific applied field. Examples include allied health management or social service management.

The SBCTC selected the participating institutions based upon: (1) their capacity to commit resources; (2) their ability to engage faculty to develop and deliver the curriculum; (3) the demand for the programs in their service area; (4) the cost-effectiveness for students; (5) and whether the program filled a gap in options offered by a public four-year institution in the geographic area.

The 2007-09 biennial budget authorized the SBCTC to select two additional pilots, one of which had to be a technical college.

**Summary of Bill:**

By June 2008, the SBCTC will select up to two colleges to develop and offer applied Baccalaureate degree programs. At least one selected college must be a technical college. The SBCTC will use the same criteria as used in the initial applied Baccalaureate degree pilot.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.